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The following circular Letter was received yesterday by Expreſs.—

State of Vermont.

In Council of Safety. Bennington 16th Aug 1777

Gentlemen,

Brigadier General Starks, from the State of New Hampshire, with his Brigade, together with the Milit and Companies of Rangers raised by this State with part of Col. Symond's Regiment of Militia, are now in Action with a number of the Enemy's Troops aſsembled near this place, which has been for some time very Severe, we have now in poſseſsion (taken from them this day) four braſs field pieces, Ordnance Store, &c. And this Moment four or five hundred Prisoners have arrived; we have taken the Ground, although fortified by Entrenchmen &c, but after being drove about one Mile, and the Enemy being reinforced, made a Second Stand, and still con=tinue the Action, the loſs on each Side is doubtleſs considerable, but the Numbers cannot be ascertaine

You are therefore in the most preſsing Terms, requested by General Starks and this Council, to forward the whole of the Militia, under your Severa Commands, to this place, without one Minutes loſs of time, they will proceed on Horse-back with all the Ammunition that can be provided conveniently. On our present Exertions depends the Fate of Thousands.

I am Gentlemen, &c

Jonas Fay, Vice-President

To the Gentlemen nearest commanding Regiments of the Militia, in the several United States.

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State of Vermont.

In Council of Safety, Bennington, 18 Aug. 1777

Mr. Watson.

I am directed by the Council to enclose you a Copy of General Burgoyne's Instructions to Lieut. Col. Baum, which you are desired to print, with all convenient speed, for the benefit of the Public.

By Order of Council

Paul Spooner, Deputy Secretary